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# Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

MURILLO ET AL.

**Examiner**

DANIEL L. HOANG

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments filed 10/16/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant argues the following:
  - a) Doi does not teach "a proxy grantor grants proxy permission to a requesting entity, thereby authorizing the requesting entity to access a resource as a substitute of another entity. In contrast, Doi's proxy authorization refers to whether a user can access a proxy.
  - b) Doi merely discloses a user accessing their own account on the proxy rather than granting a proxy permission to a resource controlled by another entity.

In response to a), examiner respectfully disagrees. While it may be true that Doi's proxy authorization refers to whether a user can access a proxy, it is sufficient in rejecting the current claim language. Applicant's current claim only cites that the permission be granted by a proxy grantor. Nowhere in the claim language does it cite that the resource being accessed must belong to another entity and that the requesting entity should access the resource as a substitute.

In response to b), examiner again respectfully disagrees. As has been pointed out above, the current claim language does not cite the resource being controlled by another entity. The claim merely cites a proxy grantor granting permission for access to the resource. Whether the resource belongs to the requesting entity or another entity is not explicitly claimed.

As such, the previous action's rejections are maintained.

## CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are presented.

## CLAIM REJECTIONS

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless —

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Doi et al., US Patent No. 6389422.

#### **As per claim 1, Doi teaches:**

A method for controlling access to a computer resource, the method comprising:  
receiving from a requesting entity a request for access to the computer resource;

*[see fig. 7, element s20]*

determining that the requesting entity has a proxy permission, wherein the proxy permission has at least one associated proxy rule and the proxy permission has been granted by a proxy grantor, further comprising finding, in dependence upon a requesting entity identification, a proxy permission record in a proxy permission table; and

*[see fig. 7, element s34]*

*[see col. 20, lines 43-53]*

granting access to the computer resource in dependence upon the proxy rule.

*[see fig. 7, element s40]*

#### **As per claim 2, Doi teaches:**

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The method of claim 1 wherein the proxy rule comprises at least one condition required for granting access to the computer resource.

*[see col. 20, lines 12-15, wherein access is granted if the IP address matches the Proxy permission IP address pattern.]*

**As per claim 3, Doi teaches:**

The method of claim 2 wherein the condition has a plurality of possible states.

*[see col. 20, lines 20-30, wherein computers having the same address may exist in separate networks.]*

**As per claim 4, Doi teaches:**

The method of claim 1 wherein determining that the requesting entity has a proxy permission further comprises finding, in dependence upon a requesting entity identification, an access control entry in an access control list for the computer resource.

*[see col. 20, lines 43-53, wherein access is granted based on username and password being authorized with the proxy control structure]*

**As per claim 6, Doi teaches:**

The method of claim 1 further comprising reading a proxy permission indicator from a data structure representing the resource.

*[see rejection of claim 4, proxy control structure]*

**As per claim 7, Doi teaches:**

The method of claim 1 further comprising reading a proxy permission indicator from an access control list for the resource.

*[see rejection of claim 4, proxy control structure]*

**As per claim 8, Doi teaches:**

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The method of claim 1 wherein the proxy rule comprises one or more conditions required for granting access to the computer resource and granting access to the computer resource based on the proxy rule further comprises: determining whether the conditions of the proxy rule are met; and permitting access to the computer resource if the conditions of the proxy rule are met.

*[see col. 20, lines 12-19 and 43-53, and col. 21, lines 45-50]*

### **As per claim 9, Doi teaches:**

The method of claim 8 wherein each condition has a plurality of possible states and granting access to the computer resource based on the proxy rule further comprises evaluating the states of the conditions.

*[see col. 21, lines 40-50 and col. 22, lines 1-27]*

## **CONCLUSION**

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

## **POINTS OF CONTACT**

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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